GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:257
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2016
Upkeep of Sports Hostels
Pandula Dr. Ravindra Babu ;Shewale Shri Rahul Ramesh

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services and facilities provided to Indian sportspersons preparing for international competitions are much below the international standards and specifications across the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) the quantum of funds provided for maintenance/upkeep of sports hostels and facilities therein along with its utilisation across the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether the Government has received complaints of poor maintenance of sports hostels and irregularities/ corruption/under-utilisation of funds intended for maintenance of such hostels and facilities during the said period; and
(e) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor along with the action taken/being taken by the Government on such complaints so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.257 TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2016 REGARDING UPKEEP OF SPORTS HOSTELS ASKED BY SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE AND DR. RAVINDRA BABU, MPs.
(a) No Madam.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) The Statements showing the funds provided for maintenance/upkeep of sports hostels and facilities therein and its utilization under Plan and Plan (NER) are provided at Annexure.
(d) & (e): The condition of the Sports Hostels and sports infrastructure in some SAI Training Centres (STC) is not very good and there are complaints regarding poor upkeep of these Centres. According to information available, the condition of the hostel building at STC Alwar, STC Bhiwani, STC Medikeri, Special Area Games (SAG) Alleppy is not good.
As per the MoU signed between SAI and the State Government, the responsibility to maintain the sports infrastructure of the SAI Training Centres (STC) lies with the concerned State Government, but some State Governments could not maintain the sports facilities and over a period of time and the same has become dilapidated.
While implementing the Scheme, SAI has made a provision of Annual Maintenance Grant for each of its training centres which has recently been enhanced for the regular upkeep of sports infrastructure in the Centre.
Based on the complaints received, and report from field the Centres which require major repairs/renovation, their proposals are examined on case to case basis for repairs.
For instance, the hostel building of STC, Alwar and STC, Bhiwani which require major repairs were taken up during 2015-16 and repairs to the tune of Rs 50 lacs and Rs 25 lacs respectively are being carried out. Similarly, Regional Director, SAI Southern Centre, Bangalore, has taken up the repair works of STC, Dharwad and STC, Medikeri recently.
In order to pay special attention to all the training centres, SAI decided during 2015-16 to provide additional funds to the tune of Rs 25 lacs to each of the Regional Centres to take up immediate repairs/ face lift of the training centres to make them suitable for the training programmes.
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